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Regarding the §103(a) rejection over JP '360, the Office Action asserts that JP '360 allegedly discloses first and second inductors inserted in series in the first conductive line and magnetically coupled to each other. The Office Action relies on elements 37A and 57A as allegedly corresponding to first and second inductors. However, JP '362 does not teach the elements 37A and 57A inserted in series in the first conductive line and magnetically coupled to each other, (see Fig. 1 of JP '360). Additionally, the Office Action asserts that JP '360 allegedly discloses fourth and fifth inductors inserted in series in the second conductive line and magnetically coupled to each other. The Office Action relies on elements 38A and 58A as fourth and fifth inductors. However, the elements 38A and 58A inductors of JP '360 do not correspond to fourth and fifth inductors inserted in series in the second conductive line and magnetically coupled to each other, (see Fig. 1 of JP '360).

These arguments were discussed during the July 23, 2008 telephone interview with the Examiner. The Examiner did not rebut the above arguments and agreed that further review and consideration would be appropriate based on the above arguments, upon submission of a formal response.

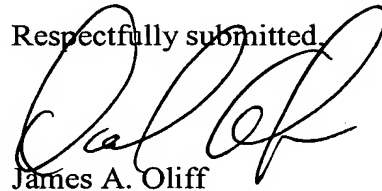
For at least the above reasons, the applied references do not teach, nor can they reasonably be considered to have suggested, the combinations of features positively recited in independent claims 1, 5 and 9. Additionally, claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12 would also not have been reasonably suggested by the applied reference for at least the respective dependence of these claims, directly or indirectly, on an allowable base claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-12 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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